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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (Mturzai@pahousegop.com)

The Honorable Michael C. Turzai
Speaker of the House
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Room 139 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On November 30, 2018, the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County sentenced me. The Court's sentence concluded the current stage of the investigation and prosecution that stripped me of my privilege to serve in the General Assembly and caused me incalculable harm and reputational damage. The Court's finding that the investigation and prosecution carried overtones of racism and political animus is only the first step in the ultimate vindication of my God-given and constitutional right to be treated fairly and equally under the law.

Although my legal challenge to the conviction continues, I recognize that Article II, Section 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution currently renders me ineligible to serve as a Member of the General Assembly. Even at this very moment, the Dauphin County District Attorney and his office continue in a course of conduct taken under color of law in violation of my rights under the 14th Amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, I do hereby immediately resign under protest as a duly elected Member and Member-elect of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Emboldened by the civil rights giants who have gone before me and with the love and support of my family and friends, I live to fight another day against injustice and racism.

Serving the residents of the 190th Legislative District will forever be my life's highest honor.

Sincerely,


Vanessa Lowery Brown

cc: Clancy Myer, Parliamentarian (via electronic mail Cmyer@pabmc.net)